

ALL AGE AUTISM NEWSLETTER

A quarterly publication by Landau Limited

Welcome

Welcome to the first of our quarterly All Age Autism newsletters, with updates on how this new project is progressing.

Funded by NHS England and managed by Landau Ltd, in partnership with NHS Birmingham and Solihull ICB, our All Age Autism £1 million project awards grants to charities and organisations that offer support to autistic people, their families and carers in Birmingham and Solihull.

The project is also helping to increase awareness of all the support services available across the region with a new dedicated website and we are delighted to be able to tell you more within this newsletter (page 4).

We are thrilled that the project has received some great regional coverage recently including being featured on BBC Midlands Today. Again, more details can be found within this newsletter. We hope you enjoy our project news.

Project Team
All Age Autism Support Service



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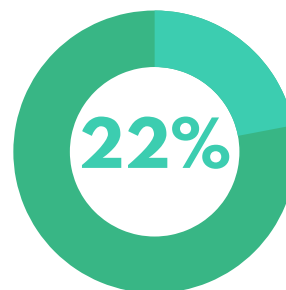
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£231,198

of total grant fund awarded

Grants Summary

To date, 12 organisations have been awarded AAA Support Service grants, which they say are helping to make a massive difference. They each deliver a niche support service specifically designed for autistic people and their families and we look forward to sharing their news over the coming months.

If you are interested in finding out more about each of the grant awardees, please visit our new website. The awardees and their services are detailed within the Service Directory and grant applications are invited through a dedicated grants section.

www.aadirectory.co.uk

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PARTNER FOCUS

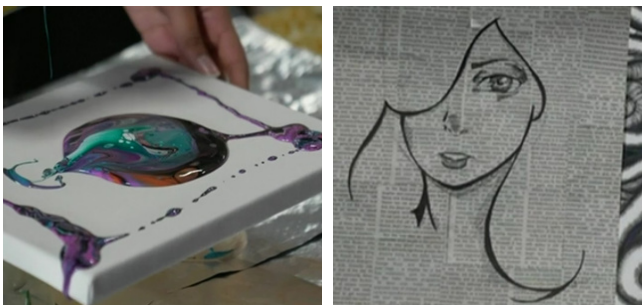
We are pleased to include details of two of our recent grant awardees and look forward to sharing more in future newsletters.

Birmingham Open Media



Project: Blueprint for Life
Awarded: £30,000

The Blueprint for Life project, delivered by BOM, provides free arts sessions for special needs schools who do not have the budget to provide such a service. Participant Abigail (pictured above) is an aspiring art and music teacher who has struggled with her social skills. She says the project is really helping her grow as a person.



Discover BOM on our Service Directory here:

 <https://bit.ly/3XViZNw>

Grant Awards

Do you have a good idea? Do you have experience of delivering a project? An AAASS Grant could be just what you are looking for.

For more information about our grant application process, email our Grants Administrator, Genni at:

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All Age Autism Support Service



 **Birmingham**
City Council

NHS

Birmingham and Solihull

 **Solihull**
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Inclusive Sports Academy



Project: Inclusive Development
Awarded: £13,500

Supporting 11-25 year olds with autism, the Inclusive Development project is helping to upskill a total of 30 young people throughout the year by introducing and developing skills that will be of huge value to participants as they embark on their career paths.

The project includes mentoring individuals to help them to engage and develop their skill set. It also delivers scenario training, with real life settings that enable participants to put into practice the skills they are learning.

Inclusive Sports Academy will also be providing a termly programme with volunteering and work placement opportunities to prepare individuals for their working lives.

Discover Inclusive Sports Academy on our Service Directory here:

 <https://bit.ly/408i51Y>

Grant Applications



Click to apply



Click for details



Sharon's Story



Sharon Brown is Landau's Project Co-ordinator for the All Age Autism project.

A Birmingham mum of four, Sharon is very aware of the difference that this project will make to the lives of many people across Birmingham and Solihull.

Sharon's eldest son has a diagnosis of autism, along with moderate to severe learning difficulties, and her other two sons display autistic traits which means she has experienced first-hand just how difficult it is to find help and support. She says she would have welcomed more tailored services to help the family manage her eldest son's needs and is looking forward to playing a part in helping Landau to fund services and activities that will provide wider support to families:

"I think support needs to be tailored to the individual's circumstances, the individual's family and the individual's parents because there is a multiple of needs. In terms of my son becoming an adult, we haven't had any support but he could do with respite care - not to get away from us but to have his own space and do his own things."

Media Coverage

Sharon's story resonates with many and we are thrilled that the project has received some wonderful publicity over the past four weeks, with news articles and a special feature on BBC Midlands Today. Some of our grant awardees were interviewed for the programme, which was a great opportunity to share how their projects are benefitting from the funding. Many thanks to Heart of Birmingham Vocational College, Birmingham Open Media and Solihull Parent Carer Voice for giving their time for the filming.



Sharon says: **"Without these services, people like my son would be sat at home not really doing anything, which impacts on their well-being."**

Service Directory

Working with Experts by Experience, we quickly identified how difficult it is for people to find support services, with many existing websites being hard to navigate and confusing. We are delighted therefore to have launched a dedicated website for autistic people, their families and carers across Birmingham and Solihull.



The Service Directory provides, in one place, details of support services available across Birmingham and Solihull, including all of the small and voluntary organisations that are being supported by Landau's All Age Autism project. The Directory also includes useful articles, podcasts and information on upcoming events and a search function so users can find services more easily, using key words and/or location. The site will continue to evolve as more services and grant awardees are added, and we will be holding regular focus groups to gain feedback so that we can ensure users find it helpful and user-friendly.

Easy Referral Process

Users of the Service Directory can complete a short online referral form themselves or have someone do it on their behalf, such as GPs, social workers and family members. Take a look at the process below to see how easy it is for a user to submit a referral from within the Service Directory straight to the All Age Autism grant-holding organisation they are wanting to contact.

Autism Services for All

Our new referral process

- 1** Visit the AAA Service Directory at www.aadirectory.co.uk
- 2** Scroll down and select the first category **AAA Grant Awardees**
- 3** Choose the organisation you wish to refer yourself/someone else to
- 4** Click on **Referral Process** at the top of this page
- 5** Complete the short form & click **Send Message**
- 6** The person being referred will be contacted directly by the AAA Grant Awardee

If you would like to take part in one of our online Service Directory focus groups, please explore our website www.aadirectory.co.uk and email us on: aaa@landau.co.uk